

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-18 and 20-27 were pending as of the date of the Office Action. Claims 15 and 27 are allowed, but all other pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) and 103(a). Upon entry of this amendment, claims 15 and 27-32 are active.

Claims 1, 2, 4-14, 16-18 and 20-26 have been canceled. Claims 18 and 20-23 have been rewritten as new dependent claims 28-32, which depend from allowed claim 27. Thus, all active claims are either previously allowed or depend from an allowed claim (directly or indirectly).

Claim 15 has been amended to correct a misspelling.

No new matter has been added.

In view of these amendments, the Applicant submits the pending application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the examiner is requested to pass this application to issue. If any additional fees are necessary, kindly charge our deposit account no. 13-2855.

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Respectfully submitted,

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